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SUBJ: CABINET CHANGES EXPECTED; STATE OF SEIGE REJECTED

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1. PRESIDENTIAL INFORMATION OFFICE ANNOUNCED PRES ALLENDE WILL RESTRUCTURE HIS CABINET TODAY.
2. CHAMBER OF DEPUTIES JULY 2 REJECTED GOVT REQUEST FOR STATE OF SEIGE BY 81-52 VOTE ALONG STRAIGHT OPPOSITION/ UP LINES. MININTERIOR ESPINOZA STATED AFTER VOTE THAT OPPOSITION MUST NOW ASSUME " ITS RESPONSIBILITY BEFORE HISTORY" FOR CONSEQUENCES OF ITS ACTION.
3. ECUADOREAN AMBASSADOR SAW FONMIN TWICE JULY 2 BUT DECLARED TO PRESS THAT HIS GOVT HAD STILL NOT DECIDED WHETHER

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TO GRANT POLITICAL ASYLUM TO FIVE PATRIA Y LIBERTAD LEADERS IN HIS RESIDENCE (REFTEL). FONMINISTRY ISSUED STATEMENT DECLARING INCIDENT WOULD NOT AFFECT CHILEAN/ ECUADOREAN FRIENDSHIP AND THAT AMB CORREA WAS CONDUCTING HIMSELF STRICTLY IN ACCORDANCE WITH DIPLOMATIC NORMS. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS FONMIN STATEMENT (REFTEL), DECLARATION NOTED CORREA INDICATED HE HAD NOT " OFFICIALLY" COMMENTED ON PARTICIPATION OF PYL LEADERS IN FRIDAY' S EVENTS. MIDDAY RADIO REPORT CLAIMED ANOTHER PYL MEMBER, PATRICIO JARPA DIEZ (REPORTEDLY NEPHEW OF NATIONAL PARTY PRESIDENT SENATOR SERGIO JARPA), REQUESTED POLITICAL ASYLUM IN COLOMBIAN EMBASSY.

4. PRIOR CENSORSHIP OF NEWSPAPERS WAS CHANGED TO SELF-CENSORSHIP, WITH PRINTED NEWSPAPERS REQUIRING APPROVAL OF MILITARY OFFICIALS BEFORE ISSUES CAN BE DISTRIBUTED (SEPTTEL).

5. EL TENIENTE STRIKE AGREEMENT REACHED AND STRIKERS GOING BACK TO WORK (SEPTTEL).

6. CUT INSTRUCTED WORKERS TO CONTINUE OCCUPYING FACTORIES SEIZED FRIDAY (SANTIAGO 2883), BUT TO CONTINUE WORKING. UP FORCES STILL OCCUPY UNIVERSITY OF CHILE LAW SCHOOL WHICH THEY ALLEGEDLY SEIZED FRIDAY.

7. CONTROLLER GENERAL REJECTED EXECUTIVE' S DECREE PROMULGATING ONLY PART CONTROVERSIAL " THREE AREAS" CONSTITUTIONAL AMENDMENT ACCEPTABLE TO REGIME (SANTIAGO A-119). ONE LEGAL INTERPRETATION NOW CURRENT IS THAT PRESIDENT HAS OPTION OF DOING NOTHING; I. E., SITTING ON IT. OPPOSITION CONTINUES TO INSIST PRESIDENT MUST PROMULGATE COMPLETE CONGRESSIONAL VERSION OF BILL. PRESIDENT ALSO COULD CONCEIVABLY USE DECREE OF INSISTENCE, ALTHOUGH LEGAL ARGUMENTS ON THIS POINT ARE MURKY.

8. COMMENT: EXPECTED CABINET CHANGES OVERSHADOW OTHER DEVELOPMENTS, EVEN " THREE AREAS" DECISION BY CONTROLLER GENERAL WHICH IS A FUNDAMENTAL ISSUE BETWEEN UP AND OPPOSITION.
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